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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 731
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate and honor the administration, faculty, staff, and student body of the Hendersonville Christian Academy on the occasion of its twenty-fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should recognize those exemplary education institutions and their remarkable personnel who through their unwavering commitments to excellence, are credits to this state; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy establishment is the Hendersonville Christian Academy, which has remained a pillar of educational excellence for twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1977 by the members of the Bible Baptist Church, the Hendersonville Christian Academy is committed to providing for its students a school, where Jesus Christ and the principles of His Word are preeminent, the fundamentals of education are emphasized, and teachers are concerned with the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual growth of each student; and

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WHEREAS, Bible Baptist Church Pastor Carl Frensley was inspired to build the Hendersonville Christian Academy in order that the young people of the Hendersonville community might have the opportunity to attend an education program based in the Bible; and

WHEREAS, the Hendersonville Christian Academy was a dream held in the hearts of the Bible Baptist members for many years, which came to fruition in 1977, through the generous donation of \$85,000 by members and friends of the Bible Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, the Hendersonville Christian Academy has flourished since its inception 25 years ago; what began as a student body comprised of 73 students is expected to exceed 275 preschool through high school age students this coming school year; and

WHEREAS, as the student body has grown, the Hendersonville Christian Academy facilities have also expanded; in 1980, the school's gymnasium was enlarged and dedicated as the "Waller Field House" and, in 1989, the new cafeteria, with an overall seating capacity of 300, was constructed and dedicated as the "Jett Fellowship Hall"; and

WHEREAS, students of the Hendersonville Christian Academy gain a well-rounded education, as classes are offered in art, computer, and musical education and intramural athletics; the Junior High and High School athletic program offers a wide variety of sport activities, including basketball, baseball, softball, and soccer, which focus on developing the character and skill of the athlete; and

WHEREAS, the dedication and hard work of Pastor Frensley, the Bible Baptist members, and the school's initial faculty and staff have established a lasting legacy for the now thriving Hendersonville Christian Academy; and

WHEREAS, due to the significant growth of the Hendersonville Christian Academy and the Bible Baptist Church, future plans for the church and school include the purchase of close to forty acres of land; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected education institution, the Academy is a member of the Tennessee Association of Christian Schools, which offers accreditation to member schools, and is a member of the nationwide American Association of Christian Schools; and

WHEREAS, for twenty-five years the Hendersonville Christian Academy has supported and complemented the Christian home and church, establishing an exceptional tradition of academic excellence which is sure to continue to better the lives and touch the hearts of children of this State for years to come; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it fitting to acknowledge and applaud the Hendersonville Christian Academy upon its silver anniversary for its dedication to Tennessee's children and our future; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we congratulate the Hendersonville Christian Academy upon its outstanding history of academic achievement, commend the administration, staff, faculty, alumni, and current student body for their meritorious service, honor the members and pastor of the Bible Baptist Church for their vision and diligence, and extend to them all our best wishes as they embark on their twenty-fifth year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.